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WPS ENERGY SERVICES INCORPOR

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1 times in each and every copy and impression thereof; that the date of the first newspaper containing said publication was March 10 A.D. 2000, and that the date of the last newspaper containing said publication was March 10 A.D. 2000; and that Sara Crook by resolution of the Board of Directors of said Edwardsville Intelligencer, Inc., has been authorized to make this certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF said Edwardsville Intelligencer, Inc., has caused this certificate to be executed in its name by said Sara Crook this 13th day of March A.D. 2000.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that WPS Energy Services, Inc. filed an application with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") to be certified as an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier ("ARES"). On March 2, 2000, WPS Energy Services, Inc. submitted its completed Illinois Application for Certificate of Service Authority under Section 16-115 of the Public Utilities Act. WPS Energy Services, Inc. seeks the opportunity to provide power and energy to all non-residential customers within the state of Illinois with a maximum demand of 1 MW or more. The ICC has assigned this request docket number 00-0199. Questions concerning this application should be directed to:

Kirsten Young
Regional Director, Marketing
WPS Energy Services, Inc.
3 Westbrook Corporate Center
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Westchester, IL 60154
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March 16, 2000

Ms. Donna Caton
Chief Clerk
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
P.O. Box 19280
Springfield, IL 62794-9280

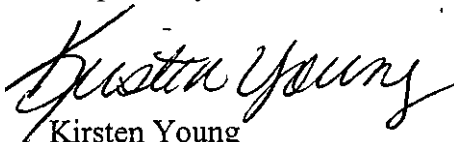
RE: Docket No. 00-0199

Dear Ms. Caton:

Enclosed please find one original and two copies of the "Certificate of Publication" certifying that WPS Energy Services, Inc. provided legal notice of its application to the Illinois Commerce Commission for a Certificate of Service Authority under Section 16-115 of the Public Utilities Act.

Please note the legal notice appeared within ten days of the application and the proof of publication is received within 15 days of the application to the Illinois Commerce Commission as required by Section 451.30(a) of the Commission's rule.

Respectfully submitted,


Kirsten Young
Regional Director, Marketing



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March 16, 2000

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY

ATTN: Mr. Bill Walz
1 River Center Place
106 E. 2nd Street
Davenport, IA 5280 1

Dear Mr. Walz:

WPS Energy Services, Inc. (WPS-ESI) will amend their application to the Illinois Commerce Commission for certification to become an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier. WPS-ESI no longer intends to serve electric retail customers located within MidAmerican Energy Company's service territory in Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirsten Young".

Kirsten Young
Regional Director, Marketing
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Westchester, IL 60154
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March 16, 2000

ALLIANT ENERGY

ATTN: Mr. Gene Reuter
200 First Street, SE
P.O. Box 351
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0351

Dear Mr. Reuter:

WPS Energy Services, Inc. (WPS-ESI) will amend their application to the Illinois Commerce Commission for certification to become an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier. WPS-ESI no longer intends to serve electric retail customers located within either the South Beloit Water, Gas and Electric or the Interstate Power service territories.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirsten Young".

Kirsten Young
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March 16, 2000

MT CARMEL PUBLIC UTILITY

ATTN: Ms. Margaret Cotner
Secretary of Treasury
P.O. Box 220
Mt. Cannel, IL 62823

Dear Ms. Cotner:

WPS Energy Services, Inc. (WPS-ESI) will amend their application to the Illinois Commerce Commission for certification to become an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier. WPS-ESI no longer intends to serve electric retail customers located within the Mt. Cannel Public Utility service territory in Illinois.

Sincerely.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirsten Young". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kirsten Young
Regional Director, Marketing
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March 16, 2000

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ATTN: Ms. Maureen Borkowski
P.O. Box 66149
MC 333
St. Louis, MO 63166-6149

Dear Ms. Borkowski:

WPS Energy Services, Inc. (WPS-ESI) will amend their application to the Illinois Commerce Commission for certification to become an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier. WPS-ESI no longer intends to serve electric retail customers located within the AmerenUE service territory in Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirsten Young".

Kirsten Young
Regional Director, Marketing
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Backgrounds and Qualifications

Ms. Rikki Stanley-Lolles, Vice President of Illinois Operations

Ms. Stanley-Lolles directs the company's activities related to energy supply and servicing of wholesale and retail customers in the State of Illinois. She has over 20 years of natural gas industry experience, including seven years in a management capacity, and has been involved in energy trading, supply management and long term marketing in the Midwest.

Ms. Kirsten Young – Regional Director, Marketing

Ms. Young coordinates the marketing and sales activities and has leadership responsibility for the Illinois sales force. In addition, she uses her training as an attorney and experience as a commodity broker to assist industrial end users in Illinois in developing strategies for energy acquisition. Prior to joining the energy industry, Ms. Young served as Associate General Counsel for a brokerage firm where she supervised the sales of futures trading accounts, maintained all records and sales practices in compliance with National Futures Association and Commodity Futures Trading Commission procedures and was responsible for complaint resolution. Ms. Young has four years of management experience.

Mr. Phillip M. Mikulsky, Sr. VP Development WPS Resources, CEO WPS Energy Services

Mr. Mikulsky's current focus is on the development and deployment of the unregulated entities under the WPS Resources Holding Company. Mr. Mikulsky, became Senior Vice President – Development for WPS Resources Corporation in 1998 after serving as Vice President – Development since 1995. He began his career with Wisconsin Public Service Corporation in 1971 in the Systems Planning Department. He was a part of the System Operating Department for 20 years having been named Supervisor in 1975, Assistant Superintendent in 1979, Superintendent in May 1985, Director in 1989, and Manager in 1991.

Mr. Mikulsky received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering with minors in English and Math from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1966. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Wisconsin.

Mr. Mikulsky is a senior member of IEEE and has served as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Northeast Wisconsin Chapter of IEEE, was a member and past Chairman of the WUMS Operating Committee, a member of the MAIN Operating Committee, a member of the Edison Electric Institute Interconnection Arrangements Committee, a member and co-chair of several NERC Control Center Audit teams, and a member of the Northeast Wisconsin Quality Improvement Network.

He actively participates in the community by coaching youth sports, leading Boy Scouts, coordinating and working on community fundraising activities, serving on the Board for the Green Bay Boy Choir, being active in his church, and a member of the First Presbyterian Notes on High Choir.

Mr. Mark A. Radtke. President- WPS Energy Services

Mr. Radtke's current focus includes the unregulated energy markets and development of energy products and services that meet strategic and operational needs of customers.

Mr. Radtke received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and Technology from the Milwaukee School of Engineering in 1983, and joined Wisconsin Public Service Corporation that same year as a Software/Hardware Engineer in the System Operating department. While in System Operating, he led an engineering project team that developed and implemented a distributed computing platform energy management system employing real-time energy management applications like SCADA, AGC, Load Forecasting, Power System Security Analysis, Transaction Scheduling and traditional energy accounting functions. He has published a number of papers describing advancements made in energy management technology, and his DEMAXX project received the Fortnightly Magazine Utility Leadership Technology Recognition Award (ULTRA) in 1994.

In 1995 Mr. Radtke took a position as Principal Engineer in the Applied Technology Unit., This group, operating at the WPS Resources Corporation holding company level, investigates technologies and implements solutions addressing the emerging energy needs of internal and external customers. Mr. Radtke has received a patent on a device for recording and processing metered information developed to create the DENet® product line, allowing both consumers and suppliers to inexpensively monitor and control their energy needs.

In January 1997 Mr. Radtke was assigned the position of Vice President, WPS Energy Services, Inc., where he has operational and financial responsibility for the unregulated energy marketing subsidiary of WPS Resources Corporation. In October 1999 he was promoted to President of WPS Energy Services. WPS Energy Services has experienced dramatic sales growth since its 1994 inception. This growth can be traced to WPS' recognition of the need for, and success in developing an energy strategy approach that insulates customers from inherent market risks and provides simplified energy management. The company serves the comprehensive competitive energy needs of customers in the Midwest, Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions of the United States.

Mr. Daniel Verbanac. Vice President – WPS Energy Services

Mr. Verbanac is responsible for the wholesale electric and natural gas activities including supply, transportation, contract negotiations, and trading. Mr. Verbanac is also responsible for daily operations of both gas and electric supply. Electric transactions primarily occur in the MAPP, MAIN, PJM and ECAR reliability regions. He has over 2 years of non-regulated energy trading experience.

Mr. Verbanac began his career with Wisconsin Public Service Corporation in 1984 in the Information Technology Department as a programmer/analyst. In 1986 Mr. Verbanac was promoted to a Senior Systems Programmer and led the technical efforts on many of Public Service's strategic applications. These applications included energy management systems, gas management systems, and customer information and billing systems. In 1993 Mr. Verbanac was promoted to

Supervisor Technical/Platform Services, here he was responsible for overall maintenance and development of Public Service's computer technology **infrastructure**. In 1995 Mr. Verbanac took a position as Applied Technology Specialist in the Applied Technology Unit. This group, operating that the WPS Resources Corporation holding company level, investigates technologies and implements solutions addressing the emerging energy needs of internal and external customers.

Mr. Verbanac, joined WPS Energy Services, Inc. (ESI) in 1996 as director of Technical Development and Implementation. His first challenge was to develop the back office systems and technical infrastructure at ESI to compete in the non-regulated energy marketplace. In his current position, Mr. Verbanac manages ESI's electric and gas trading and supply group, having overall responsibility for: electric and gas trading; electric and gas scheduling and dispatch, risk management; end of month settlements; contract administration; economic analysis of projects; power and gas marketing; 24-hour energy desk, generation asset evaluation; and market development. These responsibilities are at the corporate level, inclusive of all regional offices. Mr. Verbanac has a diverse energy background with systems development experience allowing him to have a unique understanding of how the energy market functions, from the generator to the customer's meter.

Mr. Verbanac has an educational background in computer science, business, and economics as well as numerous industry related training programs. Mr. Verbanac holds a Bachelor degree in Computer Science and an Associate degree in Data Processing. He is an ESI representative to committees in the MAPP, MAIN and PJM.

Mr. Chris Matthiesen, Director Electric Consulting

Mr. Matthiesen's duties include tariff and energy supply analysis and negotiation, strategy development and regulatory review. Currently Director of Consulting for non-regulated energy business units. Work experience includes 5 years of project development and economic feasibility of Independent Power Producer (IPP) and customer owned electric generation, purchase power Request For Proposal (RFP) bid development and evaluation, electric rate and contract negotiations, energy asset evaluation, facility assessment, and electric utility deregulation consulting.

Utility experience includes over 16 years of determination of cost of service, development of rate design, conducting rate negotiations, performing economic evaluations, project finance, and long term utility planning. Has provided testimony in numerous rate case and utility planning proceedings.

Mr. Matthiesen holds a B.S. in Mathematics, and an MBA degree.

Mr. William Boerschinger, Power Trader

Mr. Boerschinger's duties include being responsible for wholesale capacity, energy and ancillary services transactions in the MAPP, MAIN, PJM and ECAR reliability regions. In his present

position, Mr. Boeschinger has responsibilities which include: analyze regional electric market conditions in search of purchase and sale opportunities; negotiate the purchase and sale of capacity, energy, and ancillary services with investor owned utilities, municipalities, generation owners, marketers, governmental agencies, financial institutions, and other market participants; administer the provisions of numerous capacity, energy, ancillary services, transmission tariffs and, enabling agreements; use financial analytical techniques to assess market economic data to optimize marketing opportunities and revenues; coordinate the contractual movement of electrical energy through multiple parties and jurisdictions; perform electric dispatch functions for power plants that are under the contract of WPS Energy Services for marketing and/or dispatch services; assure that National Electric Reliability Council and regional council requirements are met for such plants under contract.

Mr. Boerschinger's previous experience includes 12 years as a dispatcher / operator in the System Operations Center of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, with responsibility for all aspects of electric system coordination, including generation, transmission and substation control.

LICENSE OR PERMIT BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WE, WPS ENERGY SERVICES, INC., as Principal, and FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of California, and authorized to do business in the State of Illinois, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, in the penal sum of Thirty Thousand and no/100 (\$30,000.00) Dollars, for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally by these presents.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS BOND ARE SUCH, That
WHEREAS, the Principal has been or is about to be granted a license or permit to do business as to operate an as ARES (Alternative Retail Electric Supplier) under 220 ILCS 5/16-1 15 and is required to execute this bond under 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 45 1.110 by the Obligee.

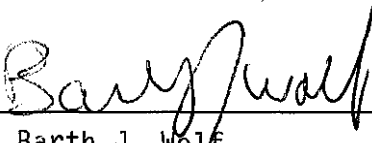
NOW, Therefore, if the Principal fully and faithfully performs all duties and obligations of the Principal as an ARES, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond may be terminated as to future acts of the Principal upon thirty (30) days written notice by the Surety; said notice to be sent to P. O. Box 19280, Springfield, IL 62794-9280, of the aforesaid State of Illinois, by certified mail.

Signed and sealed this 4th day of February, 2000.

WPS ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

By:

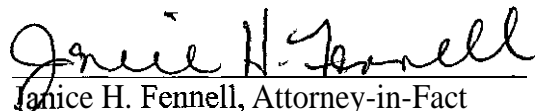


Barth J. Wolf,
Secretary

Principal,

FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE
COMPANY

By:



Janice H. Fennell, Attorney-in-Fact

FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY

NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION
THE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

ASSOCIATED INDEMNITY CORPORATION
AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY, a California corporation, NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION, an Illinois corporation, THE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a New Jersey corporation redomesticated in Nebraska, ASSOCIATED INDEMNITY CORPORATION, a California corporation, and AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Missouri corporation, (herein collectively called "the Companies") does each hereby appoint Janice H. Fennell, Frank A. Word, Jr. and Richard C. Rose Of Knoxville, TN.

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power of authority hereby conferred in their name, place and stead, to execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof

and to bind the Companies thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds were signed by the President, sealed with the corporate seals of the Companies and duly attested by the Companies' Secretary, hereby ratifying and confining all that the said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in the premises.

This power of attorney is granted under and by the authority of Article VII of the By-laws of FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY, NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION, THE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, ASSOCIATED INDEMNITY CORPORATION and AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY which provisions are now in full force and effect.

NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION:

"ARTICLE VII. APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORITY OF RESIDENT SECRETARIES, ATTORNEYS-IN-FACT AND AGENTS TO ACCEPT LEGAL PROCESS AND MAKE APPEARANCES

44. Appointment. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President, any Vice President or any other person authorized by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Vice President may, from time to time, appoint Resident Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Corporation and Agents to accept legal process and make appearances for and on behalf of the Corporation.

45. Authority. The authority of such Resident Assistant Secretaries, Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents shall be as prescribed in the instrument evidencing their appointment. Any such appointment and all authority granted thereby may be revoked at any time by the Board of Directors or by any person empowered to make such appointment."

FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY, THE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, ASSOCIATED INDEMNITY CORPORATION AND AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY:

"Article VII. Appointment and Authority of Resident Secretaries, Attorney-in-Fact and Agents to accept Legal Process and Make Appearances.

Section 45. Appointment. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President, any Vice President or any other person authorized by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Vice President may, from time to time, appoint Resident Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Corporation and Agents to accept legal process and make appearances for and on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 46. Authority. The authority of such Resident Assistant Secretaries, Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents shall be as prescribed in the instrument evidencing their appointment. Any such appointment and all authority granted thereby may be revoked at any time by the Board of Directors or by any person empowered to make such appointment."

This power of attorney is signed and sealed under the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY, NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION, THE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, ASSOCIATED INDEMNITY CORPORATION and AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held, or by written consent, on the 19th day of March, 1995, and said Resolution has not been amended or repealed:

"RESOLVED, that the signature of any Vice-President, Assistant Secretary, and Resident Assistant Secretary of the Companies, and the seal of the Companies may be affixed or primed on any power of attorney, on any revocation of any power of attorney, or on any certificate relating thereto, by facsimile, and any power of attorney, any revocation or any power of attorney, or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Companies."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Vice-President, and their corporate seals to be hereunto affixed this 19 day of July, 1999.



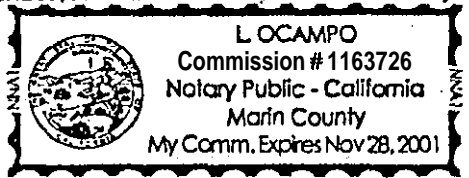
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By Harold N. Marsh
Vice-President

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF MARIN } ss.

On this 19 day of July, 1999, before me personally came Harold N. Marsh to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he is a Vice-President of each company, described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of the said Companies that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such company seals; that they were so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said companies and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year herein first above written.



CERTIFICATE

L. Ocampo
Notary Public

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF MARIN } ss.

I, the undersigned, Resident Assistant Secretary of each company, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached POWER OF ATTORNEY remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore that Article VII of the By-laws of each company, and the Resolution at the Board of Directors set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.

Signed and sealed in the County of Marin. Dated the 4TH day of FEBRUARY, 2000.



Janice H. Fennell